



Memorandum

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To: BDAC Water Transfers Work Group Members and Invited Participants

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: BDAC Water Transfers Work Group

Thank you for your interest in water transfers and your willingness to help CALFED develop policy on this important topic. Water transfers offer great potential to improve water supply reliability and contribute to ecosystem restoration as part of the CALFED program. It is clear, however, that the issues surrounding transfers are complex and the task of formulating a transfers policy that meets CALFED objectives and solution principles will be difficult. BDAC and the Work Group can play an important role providing CALFED with advice regarding the way we approach transfers in the future.

The first meeting of the Water Transfers Work Group will be held on Thursday, August 7, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 1131 of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street in Sacramento. Several documents are enclosed to provide background and help you prepare for this meeting:

1. **An agenda for the first meeting.**
2. **A roster of BDAC members who will serve on the work group.** A roster of invited participants will be available at the first meeting.
3. **A paper describing the formation and role of BDAC work groups.**
4. **October 1996 Water Transfers BDAC Agenda Item.** This agenda item provides some background on transfers as they are discussed in the Governor's 1992 water policy and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.
5. **CALFED Draft Water Transfers Discussion Paper.** This draft paper provides some background, describes the current thinking of CALFED agencies, and identifies issues related to transfers.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

6. **CALFED Water Transfers Fundamental Assumptions.** This sheet lists assumptions that may help shape policy recommendations regarding transfers, such as the adopted CALFED goals and solution principles.
7. ***Layperson's Guide to Water Marketing & Transfers.*** This guide prepared by the Water Education Foundation provides a very basic overview of water transfers. Copies are being sent to BDAC members and invited participants. Others who receive this meeting package may purchase a copy from the Water Education Foundation (phone 916-444-6240) or may review a copy at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program office.
8. ***Water Transfers in California: Translating Concept into Reality.*** This publication by the Department of Water Resources provides some background on transfers and discusses some transfer issues. Copies are being sent to BDAC members and invited participants. Others who receive this meeting package may obtain a free copy from DWR (916-653-1097) or may review a copy at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program office.

Enclosures